

## DAVIS IS DEAD

The Millionaire Merchant Passes Away This Morning.

His Death Was Due to Bright's Disease, and Was Painless.

THE ESTATE IS VALUED AT FROM \$15,000,000 TO \$20,000,000.

The Time for the Funeral Not Positively Set, but It Will Probably Be Held Sunday—His Position in the Mercantile Community—Action of Business Organizations—Biographical Sketch.

John T. Davis, senior member of the firm of Samuel C. Davis & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, the richest man in Missouri, and one of the richest in the United States, died this morning at 8 o'clock at his residence, 212 Locust street. The cause of Mr. Davis' death was Bright's disease, from which he has been a sufferer for some time. His illness, however, did not assume an alarming phase until last Sunday, when it increased to such an extent that he was obliged to take to his bed. Since then his family have known his case was hopeless.

He grew steadily worse until his death, despite the efforts of Drs. H. M. Nudd, Neumann, Bryson, Johnson and Fitchell, all of whom were in constant attendance at the bedside. With the exception of one or two attacks of lung suffocation which caused intense pain, Mr. Davis suffered but little. Yesterday afternoon he became unconscious and remained so until his death this morning. Drs. Nudd and Fitchell, who were at the bedside hardly realizing that the end had come.

Death itself was very easy, the members of the family and even the millionaire's immediate family were all present at the death bed, save his second son, Samuel C. Davis, who is now traveling in Europe. He has been called the end news.

FUNERAL PROBABLY ON SUNDAY.

The time of the funeral has not been definitely settled upon as yet, but Mr. John D. Filley stated this morning that it would probably be held Sunday afternoon from the Second Baptist church, of which the deceased has been a loyal member for many years. Rev. W. V. Boyd, formerly the pastor of this church and recently called to again take charge of it, has been telegraphed to, and it is expected that he will come on to conduct the funeral exercises. No arrangements have been made as yet as to the pall-bearers and minor details of the service.

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His lot of 800 feet by 265 feet in Portland place is valued at \$7,000.

This is all the property to St. Louis which pay taxes in his name except the \$500,000 of personal property already mentioned. A gentleman closely associated with Mr. Davis in business affairs was seen and asked if he could give an approximate idea of Mr. Davis' holdings outside of St. Louis. He said: "I cannot speak positively about what Mr. Davis owned or where it is located. About his own affairs he was always very close and his business to himself. I can say this, however, that he had large holdings in the State Bank, the St. Louis Trust Co., the Merchants' Bank, and a great deal of real estate in Chicago, New York and Boston. The estate of Samuel C. Davis & Co. owned almost entirely. He did have, I know, a great deal of valuable property in Chicago, but how much of it he disposed of I cannot say. He also did a great deal in the way of loaning money upon real estate."

"Could you approximate the bulk value of his estate?"

"I am afraid not; it has been put at \$25,000,000 but I should not put it at that sum. From my knowledge I should say that he was without a doubt worth \$15,000,000 and probably \$20,000,000."

Mr. Charles Parsons, president of the State Bank, of which Mr. Davis was a director, and was generally regarded as one of the probable executors of Mr. Davis' will, said to-day that he did not know the contents of the will and knew nothing of it. Mr. Davis, he said, kept his business to himself.

RELATIVES AND POSSIBLE HEIRS.

Mr. Davis, on his side of the family, leaves but few relatives, outside of his widow and three children. He has a sister-in-law, the widow of his brother, Samuel C. Davis, living in Boston. She has no children and was left an annuity by Mr. Davis' brother.

Mrs. Eben Richards, the widow of Eben Richards, the latter being a cousin of the deceased, still survives. She has four children—Eben Richards, Jr., Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. Charles Richards, and Mrs. E. K. Jones. Her daughter, who married a brother of A. C. K. Jones.

Mrs. Bennett Richards, widow of Tilden Richards, a cousin of John T. Davis, is therefore a cousin by marriage of Mr. Davis and also his sister-in-law, being a sister of his wife. She has three children—Miss Nellie Richards, Thomas Richards and John Richards.

On the Filley side, in addition to Mrs. Tilden Richards, Mr. Davis had the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Mrs. Robert Moore, who has one child; Mr. Isaac W. Morton, who has three children; Henry Mark Filley, who is unmarried, and John Dwight, who has three children. One of these, a daughter, is Mr. Davis' daughter, who married a brother of A. C. K. Jones.

These are the only relatives who are apt to receive any recognition in Mr. Davis' will.

The prominent organizations and business institutions with which Mr. Davis was identified, upon the news of his death at once proceeded to take action which would indicate their sorrow. The following sentiment was unanimously adopted by the directors of the State Bank:

The directors of the bank have heard with profound regret of the death of our late President, Mr. John T. Davis.

Mr. Davis was a man of great business ability and thorough knowledge of business. His opinions were made with deliberation and announced with a calm and convincing manner, and rarely did time fail to confirm their correctness. His personal life was one of the most agreeable nature, and his presence at the board of directors was a source of pleasure to all.

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**LEGAL.** **SHERIFF'S SALE.**—By virtue and authority of a special execution from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, city of St. Louis, returnable to said court at its next term, to wit: the first day of June, 1906, and to me directed, wherein August R. Schulz is plaintiff and the Western Iron Supply Co., a corporation, is defendant, I have caused to be sold at public auction, to wit: at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the 24th day of June, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit: One lot, containing 2.34 acres, more or less, situated in Block 222, east of, and conveyed to Henry

of John A. Moore, and five o'clock p. m. of those days, and when the same were read and the contents thereof were explained to the said John A. Moore, as assessor, he said John A. Moore, assessor.

**CLARENCE A. DAVIS,**  
Assessor, 417 First St.

**LOUIS, MO., APRIL 10, 1892.**  
To the Honorable Commissioners of the Continental Fur and Wool trade commission, St. Louis, Missouri.

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WM. H. BOYD, County Clerk,  
St. Louis, Mo., is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of HUGH J. FANNING, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the County of St. Louis, Missouri, on the 22nd day of May, 1894.

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**SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL,** 1896.

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The undersigned, Clerk of Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as filed in my office.

Clerk of Court

Witness my hand and seal at St. Louis, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the State of Missouri

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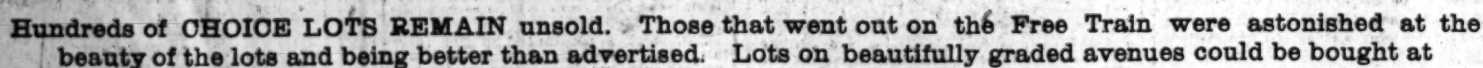
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